1		2	
11	West Bengal	1	Bankura
		2	Midnapur
		3	Birbhum
		4	Burdwan
		5	Jalpaiguri
		6	West Dinajpur
12	Lakshadweep	1	Lakshadweep
13	Pondicherry	1	Yanam
		2	Karikal
		3	Pondicherry
	TOTAL DISTRICTS :	71	

Air-India flights to Mexico

187. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India proposes to operate its flights to Mexico;

(b) whether any delegation has recently visited Mexico in this connection; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the talks held with the Mexican Officials in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such proposal for the present.

(b) No Civil Aviation delegation recently visited Mexico in connection with Air India flights.

(c) Question does not arise.

Development of Visakhapatnam Port

188. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister for SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop the Visakhapatnam Port for the purpose of export of iron ore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what expenditure is likely to be incurred in the expansion of the port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Facilities for the export of iron ore from Visakhapatnam Port are already in existence. A provision of Rs. 9.59 crores for modernisation of iron ore loading facilities and provision of Rs. 8 crores for deepening of the iron ore berth in order to receive iron ore carriers of upto 1.70 lakhs DWT have been included in the VIIth Plan.

Kakinada Port

189. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade Kakinada port as a major port